

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12 noon on Monday, October 24th in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25th for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1059)

H.R. 3971, to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina. Signed on October 20, 2005. (Public Law 109-91)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 24 through October 29, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3010, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 27, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: October 25, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United

States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues regarding the sending of remittances and the role of financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 25, to hold hearings to examine S. 1829, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, S. 1830, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and S. 1831, to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 26, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (P.L. 108-447), by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

October 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 26, to resume hearings to examine Eco-terrorism, specifically examining Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 25, business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald A. Gambatesa, of

Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Carmen Maria Martinez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Michael R. Arietti, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

October 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 27, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine cross-continental progress relating to African organizations and institutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 25, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine setting priorities in Federal spending in the context of natural disaster, deficits and war, focusing on funding wasteful and ineffective programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

October 26, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the tax gap, focusing on components that make up the tax gap and how to ensure that American taxpayers are not bearing the financial burden of those who are not complying with the law, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, et al., 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

October 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, S. 692, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in northwestern New Mexico by resolving a dispute associated with coal preference right lease interests on the land, a proposed bill to extend the statute of limitations for breach of trust claims, and S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc., 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 25, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations relating to the war on terror, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Streamlined Procedures Act relating to Habeas Reform, 9 a.m., SD-226.

October 26, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness relating to terrorism, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 26, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine proposals to split the Ninth Circuit, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 27, to hold hearings to examine the rising number of disabled veterans

deemed unemployable relating to the VA's individual unemployment benefit, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 26, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 27, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 25, hearing to review the current impact of Mississippi River transportation on agricultural markets, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 26 and 27, to mark up the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 10:30 a.m., on October 26, and time to be announced on March 27, 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 26, Full Committee, to consider H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 28, hearing entitled "Justice for All: An Examination of the District of Columbia Juvenile Justice System." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 25, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, Briefing on assessing the threat of agroterrorism, 5:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 26, Full Committee, to mark up the following: H. Res. 463, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners; H. Con. Res. 196, Honoring the pilots of United States commercial air carriers who volunteer to participate in the Federal flight deck officer program, and any additional pending business 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 26, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "Ensuring Operability During Catastrophic Events," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 27, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second-State Review: The Role of the Chief Medical Officer," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 27, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Nuclear Incident Response Teams," 1 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, October 26, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: The Impact of Nonproliferation, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Lifting the Veil: Getting the Refugees Out, Getting Our Message In: An Update on the Implementation of the

North Korean Human Rights Act, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on the U.S. Counterterrorism Strategy Update, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on U.S. Security Policy in Central Asia, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Section 5 of the Act: History, Scope, and Purpose,” 11 a.m., and an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: The Continuing Need for Section 5,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, Full Committee, to mark up the following bills H.R. 3135, Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Section 5—Preclearance Standards,” 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Section 5—Judicial Evolution of the Retrogression Standard,” 12 p.m., 2141.

October 27, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 3889, Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act of 2005, 2 p.m., followed by an oversight hearing entitled “An Investigation into the FBI’s Use of Confidential Informants,” 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 27, hearing on H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 27, oversight hearing on the Operations of the Regional Fishery Management Councils and the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 27, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1090, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representative; H.R. 3603, Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act; H.R. 3817, Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 4084, to amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, October 25, to consider the following bills: H.R. 420, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005; and H.R. 1461, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, October 26, hearing on the Investigation of the World Trade Center Collapse: Findings,

Recommendations and Next Steps, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Space and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Financial Management at NASA: Challenges and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 26, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; Natural Resources Conservation Service Resolution; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2006; a Committee Resolution to comply with Reconciliation Directive Included in Section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006; H. Res. 488, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives information in his possession relating to contracts for services or construction related to Hurricane Katrina recovery; H.R. 1721, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; H.R. 3963, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound; and a measure to permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Rebuilding Highway and Transit Infrastructure on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina—State and Local Officials, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Reducing Hurricane and Flood Risk in the Nation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 27, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on the development of the Veterans Benefits Administrations’ annual budget request, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 26, executive, hearing on Military Intelligence Program, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 27, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, Briefing on Militant Islam in the United States, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 27, Subcommittee Terrorism, Human Intelligence, and Counterintelligence, executive, Briefing on New York City Terrorism Threat Reporting, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, October 27, hearing entitled “Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, and the National Guard of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.